MUST CUT EXPENSES

Wage Scales and Operating Costs Will Have to Be Reduced, Secretary Avers.

sible at this time because of the impoverished state of the railroad systems of the United States, Secretary of Commerce Hoover testilled today before the Interstate Commerce Commission investigation of transportation rate levels.

- Until rates come down and railroad expenditures for new construction and betterments climb up, Mr. Hoover declared, "the economic machine will move slowly." He added, however, that, in his opinion, railway operating costs, in which connection he mentioned wage scales, must come down and railroad credit must be bettered before rates can be safely reduced.

Most of the existing economic depression is due to the "spread" between the prices received by pro-

pression is due to the "spread" be-tween the prices received by producers of raw materials and the prices paid out by consumers for linished goods, Mr. Hoover declared. Railroad rates, like wages, on their present basis, increase this gap, he asserted, giving this increased spread" as the explanation of the lost purchasing power of the farm

portunity to cut rates would be had in about a year, Mr. Hoover, who was called as a witness by the United States Chamber of Commerce, said it would be an "economic crime frate schedules were not revised to give basic raw materials much cheaper transportation as compared with finished and high-grade ma terials, Mr. Hoover's view of railroad

credit brought him into sharp conflot with Clifford Thorne, counsel for shippers and farm organizations, who whether railroad users should be obliged to pay rates based "on stock securities issued as bonuses with bonds, created for promoters' profits" and, generally, representing no in-

"I've heard that talk all my life," inission is dealing with the future its tentative valuations of existing paper in the markets which sells to a dollar one day and a hundred the

tered their evidence today upon an attempt to get passenger fares re-Clyde M. Reed, chairman of Kansas Utilities Commission. opened the discussion with an argu-ment that the present rate of 2.6 cents per mile was economically unhistified, and had operated to reduce the income of railroads by restrict ing travel. Fred W. Putnam, of the Minnesota commission, and J. F. Shaughnessy, chairman of the Nevada

mmission, presented similar views. The Pullman Company also appealed to the commission to reduce the surcharge on travel in its cars. estimating the drop in its revenues from those of 1926 at \$1,000,000 per

TRINKLE URGES UNION OF ALL STATE'S UNITS FOR GREATER VIRGINIA

"The two presiding officers of the

General Assembly thanked the chamber on behalf of their respective Senate bill No. 117, to encourage branches. Lieutenant-diversor West co-operative marketing declared that the key to returning prosperity was in the hands of busiand reduces the tax on notes and That Congress should, in its readjustment plans, pay as much atreadjustment plans, pay as missions in same subject may be added tention to the housing conditions in block if reported out of the cities as the agricultural committee, was his suggestion, which seemed to meet the approval of his auditors

Anderson gave a time. ice studying the agricultural situation which followed the economic debacle to industry and commerce after the period of extravagance and speculation immediately after the war. He pointed out to the business men present the absolute interdependence of agricultural and in dustrial prosperity.

The problem facing the nation, he said, is to find a way to restore the purchasing power of the American dollar. He outlined many of the suggestions made to his committee, bu ment of permanency, while the ma lority were impracticable.

jurity were impracticable.

By his figures, 49 per cent of the consumer's dollar is represented in the cost of distribution. More officient distribution, he told the business men, together with less unecommit waste, would go a long way toward rolving the problem. He strongly advocated better organization unorg the farmers and declared that the wise business man is the one who will help direct farmers' organization along sound, business lines. Representative Anderson cited many figures and tables to show how the farmer had been hit the hardest or any class by the deflation process. He stressed particularly the relation between the returns to the farmer and fransportation costs.

To Stop Expenditures on Uncompleted Ships

IBy United News.]
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Actual scrapping of those American battleships assigned to the junk pile by the terms of the state of the punk pile. y the terms of the new five-power naval treaty will be held up

Expenditures on uncompleted vessels listed for abandonment, however, will be stopped at once, it is stated at the White House.
President Harding has asked the
Navy Department to submit a re-

port on the work now being done on ships to be sacrificed, so that he can make recommendation that will immediately curtail these ex-penditures. It is likely he will submit these recommendations submit these recommends
with his message ...
when he submits the trea.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—General freight rate reductions are impossible at this time because of the impoverished state of the railroad systems of the United States, Secretary of Commerce Hoover testilled today

BILL HAS VOTERS

party for Governor or for the nomimember or members of the House of Delegates, providing, however, that a person whose right to vote is challenged shall not be permitted to vote therein unless he or she shall declare on oath or solemn affirmation, that he or she is a member of the party in whose primary he or she offers to participate."

Senators Holt, Beverley and Layman spoke against the bill, which was vigorously defended by its patron and by Senators Leedy and Oliver. Senator Leedy, speaking from personal experience, related how he had been defeated in two counties for nomination to Congress by majorities of 600 each, and how the Democratic candidate was snowed under in the same counties in the general election, showing, he stated, that cohorts of Republicans can swing nominations the opposing party.

The Oliver amendment carried by 21 to 13 and an amendment by Senator Epes changing the wording of the original bill slightly, passed manimously.

Changes in Code Adopted.

On the bill's passage the vote was Ayes-Beverley, Booker, Cannon, Corbill, Dodson, Downing, Early, Ferguson, Goolrick, Gravatt, Hassinger, Hening, Hyatt, Leedy, Loth, Mapp, Miller, Mills, Mitchell, Oliver, Robertson and Vaughan.

Noes-Crockett, Dickinson, Epes Gravatt, Goode, Holt, Jeffreys, Layman, Paul, Rison, Russell and Ser-

tive, was paired with Senator An-

Two other bills were passed, both gard to legal practices. Both were sponsored by Senator Julien Gunn.

of Henrico. One reduced the time dorn filing appeals from twelve to six menths. The other also dealt with procedure in appeals.

quarters here that a committee of experts was being formed to investigate the relation of the price of coal to labor and other production costs. procedure in appeals.

ment of abutting pro It would have at lowed communities by a majority vote to have adopted this system and no property owner could be assessed of the improvement to the abutting property. Under the measure, the cities or towns could have done high-A complimentary reference to this late political opponent, Colonal Henry W., Anderson, who was one of the hosts of the occasion, drew a storm either side paid the balance, the payments to extend over a period of ten

At the request of Senator Jeffreys o-operative marketing of products in Virginia was made a speness men, and said that if the tieneral day at 12:30 o'clock. Senator Mapp recommendation of the new Governor and reduces the tax on notes and and reduces the tax on notes and in number, made a special and con-bonds, their action will mark a new tinuing order for Tuesday at 12:30 o'clock. Other bills dealing with the mittees on time in order to facilitate the passage of all bills and prevent duplication of effort and loss of

KAHN URGES TURNOVER TAX TO FILL TREASURY

and Most Just

EXCORDATES THE PRESENT LAW

bersome, Unscientific, Founded on Sectional and Class Discriming. tion, and Depressing to Industry

Preters One-Half of 1 Per Cent,

ifmited to commodities and exempting initial sales of farm crops and live stock and further exempting turnovers aggregating annually not exceeding \$6,000," the speaker said. exceeding \$6,000," the speaker said. The rate of the tax should not be above 1 per cent; I should, indeed, prefer one-half of 1 per cent to begin

"I am clear in my mind that in or ler to restore normalcy to our ecc iomic life and industrial activities our surtaxes must be reduced to the figure courageons'y recommended and convincingly advocated by the Secreport to Congress, namely, a maximum rate, which, including the normal tax does not exceed 33 per cent."

Indicts Existing Measure. Kahn indicted the Federal evenue law now in force, on the folwing grounds;

"It is a measure unscientific, in-quitable in operation, cumbersome, exatious and intolerably complex. "It bears the imprint of sectional and class discrimination.

"It penalizes thrift and industry, but leaves the wastrel and the shirker untouched.
"It discourages, disturbs and impedes business, and places the American business man at a disadvantage as against his European competitor

Curtails Labor Demand.
"It tends to curtail production, re-strains consumption, diminishes the lemand for labor, depresses agricul-

ture.
"It facilitates governmental ex "It includes governmental ex-travagance,
"It impairs the incentive to effort and to self-depial by saving, it makes for higher costs. It hampers and deflects the flow of capital. "It depletes the new of capital,
"It depletes the necessary cash
working fund of industry and stands
in the way of that accumulation of
aew capital which is indispensably
requisite for development.

It has shoved a clumsy hand into the delicately adjusted organization of our commerce and industry."

ORGANIZE TO BLOCK RAISE IN COAL PRICE

[By Associated Press.] NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The League for Industrial Democracy, an organ-ization of engineers, economists and labor experts, today launched a move block any attempt on the part of coal operators to increase the price of coal to cover wage increases de-manded by union miners. It was announced at the head-

Senate joint resolution No. 6 met with defeat by a vote of 21 to 15. This measure provided for a constitutional change to permit assess-stitutional change to permit assess-search. "Behind this controversy is self and on the principle of collective bargaining."

> GATES, PA., Feb. 3,-The bodies of plosion in the Gates mine of the H C Frick Coke Company were brought out late today. So far, twenty-fou officials said they believed the rescue workers would find only one more body under a heavy fall of slate.

To Aid Gorgas Memorial. MONTGOMERY, ALA., Feb. 3.-overnor Thomas E. Kirby today is

sued a proclamation arging the people of Alabarus to support the Gorgas memorial campaign. The proclamation was issued after a concrence between the Governor and Dr

Approve Leasing of Railroad, ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Approval f the leasing of the Toledo and Ohio central Railroad by the New York Central Railroad Company was voted y the stockholders of the latter railroad at a meeting here today.



WAR VETERANS CHEER MESSAGE FROM WILSON

Asserts Sales Levy Plan Ideal Former President Writes Physical Weakness Prevents Presence in Person.

> War meeting here today, went on rec ord as opposing the policy of train ing disabled former service men in

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Adoption of the sales or turnover tax method of collecting Federal revenues was adorated by Otto H. Kahn, in an adble before the Association of Stock Exchange Firms at its annual dinner tonight.

The Crimplicity and additional residue of the Conference also advocated establishment of tubercular sanitorial in convenient locations and rest homes for convalescents and for vocational training school students in people of the properties of the conference was asked to investigate needs of the Warf Department to make available army service records for considera-

Exchange Firms at its annual dinner tonight.

The "simplicity, productivity and painlessness" of such a tax, imposed at a rate of one-half of 1 per cent as a trial, would make it an ideal means of raising revenue, Mr. Kahn as serted.

He characterized the present revenue measures—the excess profits and income taxes, with their various divisions, as "breeders of harm to all the people."

Preters One-Half of 1 Per Cent. in everything that refects their wei-fare. Only my rysical weakness

ORDER DRIVE AGAINST BIMINI-MIAMI TRAFFIC

dquor Smuggling on Florida Coast to Be Attacked With Energy, [By Associated Press.] MIAMI, FLA., Feb. 3.—Orders is-

sued in Washington today for a con-certed drive against liquor and drug smuggiers along the Florida coast are in conformity with a request made several weeks ago by a delegation of local prohibition workers headed by W. J. Bryan, who went to Washington and laid before the au-thorities there alleged facts as to conditions here onditions here.

conditions here.

The island of Bimini, in the Bahaman group, is only forty miles from Miami, and shipments of whisky and other intoxleants from there are daily landed by schooners and airships at various, points along the coast near this city, it is said. There are great stores of liquor at Bimini and on other islands in the Bahamas, and local officials have been unable and local officials have been unable to do much toward stopping the in-treasing traffic in wines and liquors.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Feb. 3.-

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CALL FILM STARS TO THE INQUEST IN TAYLOR MURDER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The na-ional conference of the Disabled merican Vetering Conference of the Disabled night have intentionally overlooked this to throw scent off the real mo-tive—to get away with the large sum of stocks and bonds Taylor is be-lieved to have kept in the house.

Attention also is being concentrated on the possibility of the murderer being a jealous lover of one of the dead man's many women tiends, or, perhaps, a woman her

It is reported at police head-marters that search is being made

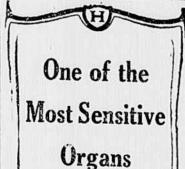
is known to have arrived here and who has disappeared. The police have quietly spread a net for him. It is hinted that his identity may be revealed at the inquest.

The possibility of a woman being the motive of the murder is decried by every actor and actress in the picture colony. Taylor was a dignified friend of every one, they declare, and had no affairs outside of Platonic friendship. But his reticence, the mystery with which he cloaked his affairs, has led detectives to probe this angle to the end.

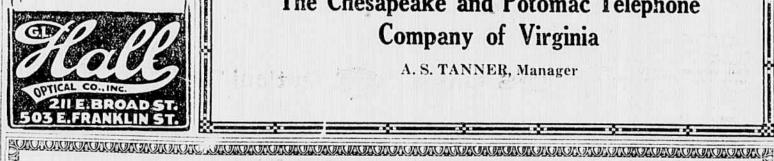
Taylor Twice Married.

Taylor Twice Married.

Stor was married twice. His ds here were surprised to learn. He had kept it a secret. Scores cantiful women.



of your body is the eye Its structure is extremely delicate and therefore should receive the utmost care and scientific attention-and if necessary, should be expertly fitted with correct glasses.



gay Los Angeles resorts and whom he knew in his work,

Mary Miles Militer, the youthful saw a man go out of a door of the star, broke down and wept hysteri-Taylor home. It was not the former TAYLOR MURDER (Continued From First Page.)

quest to unravel the cloak of mystery that has to this time made it impossible for the best detectives to make headway in the case.

The robbery theory has not been dismissed, although Taylor's person was not robbed. A careful check of ais property is being made, for it is believed that an uitra-clever thief.

Star, broke down and wept hysterically when she was asked about her friendship with the ill-fated director. "He was one of my dearest friends," Mr. Taylor, 1 regree to say. He didn't have an enemy in the world that 1 know of. He was too fine. Every one admired and respected him. I could use every adjective in the English language and still not explain my admiration for him."

Describes Intruder.

Mabel Normand was equally as secretary, who is now being sought, she said. He wore a tan vest, muffler, cap and dark sutt, she said. The police are trying to connect

The police are trying to connect this description with a man under suspicion.

The entire movie industry is aimost at a standstill because of the tragedy. Scores of actors stopped work to talk of it, to help the detectives workling on the case, or to sympathize with the young women who are mentioned in the events leading up to the murder.

Mabel Normand was equally as touched, and she retold the story of how she called on him, chatted a few minutes, and left his house as he escorted her to her car, chatting with her on tests in literature. She had just bought a Police Gazette she said, and he had given her books by Frend. Opticians Have Moved to Mrs. Douglas MacLean, wife of the actor, is expected to tell the most significant story at the inquest. She said today that she heard a 220 North Second Between Broad and Grace Sts.

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